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SUBJ: NARCOTICS WRAP- UP FOR MARCH 1973

1. "KEEP OFF THE GRASS"

THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF A NEWS BULLETIN RELEASED ON MARCH 26 BY THE GOBI MINISTRY OF TOURISM IN TIME FOR THE SPRING FLOOD OF COLLEGE STUDENTS, FROM THE US. THE BULLETIN BRIEFLY OUTLINES THE GOBI POSITION ON MARIJUANA AND TOUCHES ON THE PENALTIES INCURRED BY ITS USE.

2. MORE BOATING NEWS

THE THREE AMERICAN CITIZENS RELEASED ON ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH BONDS ON FEBRUARY 27 (SEE NASSAU 299), FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT ON MARCH 20 TO ANSWER THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM. THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE ISSUED WARRANTS FOR THEIR ARREST AND ORDERED THAT THE BAIL MONEY BE FORFEITED AND THE YACHT USED TO TRANSPORT THE DRUGS BE IMPOUNDED.

3. ARRESTS AT WILLIAMS CAY

TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE APPREHENDED AT WILLIAMS CAY AND SOME SIX HUNDRED POUNDS OF MARIJUANA WERE CONFISCATED DURING A JOINT BAHAMIAN- U. S. NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFORT. THE TWO WERE ARRESTED ON MARCH 7, WHEN THEY WERE OBSERVED REMOVING A QUANTITY OF DRUGS FROM A HIDDEN CACHE, CONTAINING SOME THIRTEEN BAGS OF THE DRUG. BAIL WAS DENIED AND THE TWENTY- FIVE FOOT SPEEDBOAT WHICH THEY HAD USED WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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ORDERED CONFISCATED BY THE COURT. THE PAIR WERE
SENTENCED TO TWELVE MONTHS HARD LABOR AND FINED
ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT THEY WERE
ORDERED TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL TWELVE MONTHS OF HARD
LABOR.

4. ARRESTS

TEN AMERICANS WERE ARRESTED FOR DRUG USE DURING THE MONTH OF
MARCH.
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